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Representative Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), Chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities, announced that the committee today heard the testimony of Professor Huang Chi-chou, former Chinese Communist language instructor, who defected in Athens last year. Professor Huang, aged 38, had been employed since 1959 at the Higher Institute of Languages in Baghdad under a cultural exchange agreement between the governments of Red China and Iraq. In the summer of 1961, when Huang was recalled to Peking for "consultations", he contacted Greek airport authorities while his plane refueled in Athens. He was granted asylum and spent some time in Greece. Later, after a brief residence in Germany, Professor Huang came to the United States under the auspices of a West German refugee aid association.

Huang was an eye-witness to the changes effected in the lives of the Chinese people by the Peking Communist regime during its first ten years in power. He described for the Committee his experiences as one of a group of teachers sent in 1957 to a rural area to be "re-educated" by participation in manual labor. During the time Huang was there, the agricultural cooperative to which he was assigned was reorganized as part of the new commune system. He also participated in setting up and operating one of the "backyard furnaces" of the ill-conceived 1958 steel-production campaign. In these enterprises the professor, along with other professional people, worked at such unskilled jobs as gathering firewood and carrying ore.

Professor Huang's testimony is being reviewed by the Committee, and will be published shortly.

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